entertainment, news, sports, children programmes and music. Under the provisions of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 as amended up to date, the overcharging by cable operators over and above the rates fixed by the Government for free to air channels will constitute a cognizable offence.

The provisions of the aforesaid Act and the rules made thereunder do not regulate the prices of pay channels. The variation in rates of pay channels from one MSO to another cannot be ruled out. However, the cable operators are required to publicise as per rules, the rates payable by the viewers for each pay channel provided by the operator.

Cruise terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka

*200. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up cruise terminals in the coastal areas of Karnataka between Mangalore and Karwar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New grain export policy

1233. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new grain export policy requires the exporter to buy grains directly from market;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the device of transportation and storage of the grains before export;

(c) whether any studies have been conducted on the impact of this

policy on the storage and distribution of grains for domestic purpose and Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether detailed studies would be conducted before implementing the new grain export policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As per extant EXIM Policy, export of foodgrains is free. The export of foodgrains is facilitated by reimbursing certain WTO admissible costs on account of marketing and transport out of stocks held by FCI for the Central Pool.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Export and Import

†1234. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export from the country and import in to the country have continuously increased during the last years;

(b) if so, the import and export in terms of value during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the value of import and export of petroleum products during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) After attaining a growth rate of 21% (in dollar terms) in 2000-01, the highest since 1990-91, India's exports declined by 1.6% during 2001-02. Exports again grew by 20.29% in 2002-03. Imports grew by 1.7% in 2000-01 & 2001-02 and 19.45% in 2002-03 in dollar terms. The export and import values in dollar terms, during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.